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Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

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NEW ABSTRACT

Wear resistant jewelry apparatus and method of making same wherein articles of jewelry are made from sinterable metal and/or ceramic powder materials compressed into a predetermined configuration and then sintered to form a blank (20) from which a jewelry item may be made and to which softer precious metals (50), stones (110) or other materials suitable for use in jewelry may be affixed. Such items of jewelry may have multiple facets (34, 36) and can be fabricated using various disclosed techniques and various combinations of materials.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(6) : A44C 5/00; B22F 1/00

US CL : 63/3; 419/26, 38

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 63/3, 15, 33, 34, 35; 419/26, 38

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

NONE

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

APS

search terms: sinter? jewelry, 63/clas, ceramic or ceramics, sintered metal or sintered metals

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 3,669,695 A (ILER ET AL) 13 June 1972 (13/06/72), see entire document.	1
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Y	AU 208883 A (PRESTON) 09 August 1956 (09/08/56), see entire document.	2, 3, 7, 12, 14-17, 19-20
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Y	US 2,016,679 A (MAYER) 08 October 1935 (08/10/35), see entire document.	8-9
Y	GB 2210249 A (BYRNE) 07 June 1989 (07/06/89), see entire document, especially Fig. 10.	10

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A	US 3,901,717 A (REVAZ) 26 August 1975 (26/08/75), see entire document.	1-20